

What you need to know from the 2020 World Watch List

WORLD WATCH LIST



CHINA

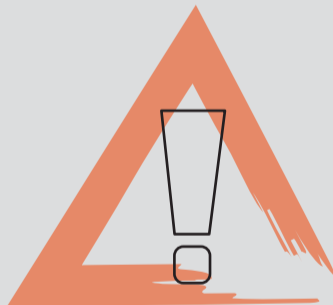
State sanctioned and “underground” churches have been harassed or shut down in at least 23 provinces.



SYRIA AND IRAQ

Nine years of civil war in Syria and years of conflict in Iraq, have led to a rapid decline in Christianity with many fleeing because of the unrest or killed because of their faith.

	SYRIA	IRAQ
Pre-conflict Christian population	2.2 million	1.5 million
Current Christian population	744 000	202 000



BURKINA FASO

More than 200 churches closed in the north and thousands of church members have been displaced. Burkina Faso has emerged as a new hotspot, jumping 33 places on the World Watch List.

SRI LANKA

More than 250 people died and 500 were injured in attacks on churches and hotels in April 2019. The Easter attack was one of the most serious globally since 9/11.



These harsh facts show why your support is needed now more than ever. Persecution is increasing, and believers in these nations are desperately seeking hope in the midst of what seems like pervasive darkness.

Thank you for shining the love and light of Jesus into these places. Your support helps bring practical aid, trauma counselling, education and more so your brothers and sisters in Christ can stand strong!



Top 5 for Violence



Fast Facts on Africa

Seventeen countries from Africa are now on the 2020 World Watch List.

Four African nations are in the **top 10**.

In Africa **1 out of every 5** Christians experience at least “high” levels of persecution for their faith.

A minimum of **27 named Islamist groups** are operating in different parts of sub-Saharan Africa.

At least **50** Christians are known to have been targeted and **killed** for their faith in Burkina Faso.

Nigeria has topped the list for **most violent** country for Christians.

Cameroon is one of the most **corrupt** nations in the world.